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## MESSAGE

Claim 14 (original claim 79) depends on  
claim 1 (original claim 66) and canceled  
claim 27. Please advise.

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## RESPONSE

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78. The method of claim 76, wherein the produced aluminium continuously drains from said cathode.


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~~79~~<sup>1</sup>. The method of claim ~~66~~<sup>1</sup>, for producing aluminium in a bipolar cell according to claim 27, comprising passing an electric current from the surface of the terminal cathode to the surface of the terminal anode as ionic current in the electrolyte and as electronic current through the bipolar electrodes, thereby electrolysing the alumina dissolved in the electrolyte to produce aluminium on each cathode surface and oxygen on each anode surface. ←

80. The method of claim 66, comprising circulating the electrolyte between the anodes and facing cathodes thereby improving dissolution of alumina into the electrolyte and/or improving the supply of dissolved alumina under the active surfaces of the anodes.

81. A cell component which can be maintained dimensionally stable in a cell for the electrowinning of aluminium according to claim 1, having an iron oxide-based outside layer, in particular a hematite-based layer, which is electrochemically active for the oxidation of oxygen ions into molecular oxygen.

82. The cell component of claim 81, wherein the hematite-based layer covers a metal-based substrate comprising at least one metal, an alloy, an intermetallic compound or a cermet.



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